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TO AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
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HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN MARIANA ISLANDS 0148

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 162059

HICOMTERPACIS PASS LNO STATUS

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, PP, XP

SUBJECT: INTERIM DIRECTOR OF SPRFO
REF: PORT MORESBY 933

1. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE BEHIND THE SCENES DISCUSSION
AT SUVA OF THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES THAT MIGHT BE PUT FORWARD
FOR THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF SPRFO. CLEARLY, BOB KEARNEY IS
A FORERUNNER SINCE HE IS SO WELL KNOWN IN THE REGION.
ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY THE PNG DELE-
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APPROACHED BY THE WESTERN SOMOAN DELEGATION AND ASKED TO
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2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE FOR THE U.S. TO INDICATE
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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 162059 ACTION PORT MORESBY CANBERRA
SUVA WELLINGTON HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN MARIANA ISLANDS JUNE 26.

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